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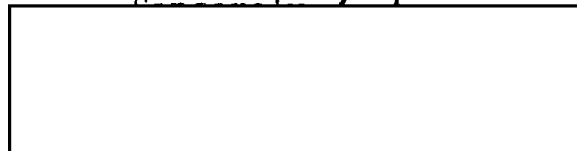
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Dear Mr. Ouriel:

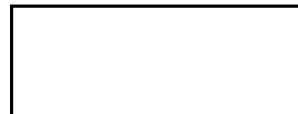
I appreciate your response to the UPI story regarding a threat to Congressman Pike. Although I suspect your comment somewhat overstates the matter, I nonetheless agree that had I made such a statement that some appropriate action should be taken. The fact is, no such threat was made.

Unfortunately, when a U.S. Congressman takes the floor of the House of Representatives and makes accusations such as Mr. Pike did, it is quite difficult for those who are maligned to bring this to the attention of the press. Subsequent reporting by UPI did carry my denial.



Special Counsel to the Director

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CIA Charges Followed Threats — Pike

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Otis Pike, D-N.Y., says the CIA not only threatened to destroy him politically but also tried to discredit the work of his old House Intelligence Committee with a false claim of lost secret documents.

In two speeches in the House yesterday, Pike said CIA counsel Mitchell Rogovin threatened to destroy his political future because of his com-

mittee's approval of a report critical of CIA operations.

Moreover, said Pike, at least 105 of the 232 secret documents the CIA claimed his committee failed to return have been found at the agency and the CIA has admitted it has no record of sending another 95 of the alleged missing documents to the committee.

Pike said the Rogovin threat came in a telephone talk with Searle Field,

staff director of the committee. Jan. 23 shortly after the panel voted 9-4 for its controversial final report on CIA operations.

"Pike will pay for this, you wait and see. I'm serious. There will be a political retaliation for this. Any political ambitions Pike has in New York are through. We will destroy him for this," Field quoted Rogovin as saying.